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2. The method of claim 1 and further including:

determining the at least one static angle of the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly after the step of electrically connecting the at least one termination pad of the head/slider to the at least one electrical lead of the flex circuit.

3. The method of claim 2 and further including:

A1 determining the at least one static angle of the suspension prior to the step of attaching the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly to the suspension.

4. The method of claim 3 and further including performing a dynamic electrical test on the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly prior to determining the at least one static angle of the suspension.

5. The method of claim 4 and further including determining an offset between the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly prior to attaching it to the suspension.

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7. The method of claim 1 and further including:

A2 determining the at least one static angle of the suspension prior to the step of attaching the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly to the suspension.

8. The method of claim 1 and further including performing a dynamic electrical test on the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly prior to determining the at least one static angle of the suspension.

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A3 10. The method of claim 1 and further including determining an offset between the head/slider circuited gimbal assembly prior to attaching it to the suspension.

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A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes relative to the previous version of the claims is attached hereto as Exhibit A.